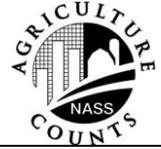




Weekly Crop & Weather Roundup



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Week Ending November 7, 2010

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Fair Week for Field Work: Pennsylvania had an average of 4 days suitable for field work. Across the state there were reports of precipitation in the form of light showers in some areas as well as heavy down pours in others. As we progress further into the fall some counties are already seeing heavy frost. Many producers could only get out to the field as the weather permitted this week. Primary field activities included planting of fall cover crops and completing harvest of corn and soybeans, as weather conditions permitted. Fall plowing continued, and is 73% complete, ahead of last year's 69%, but behind the five year average of 80%.

PA Topsoil Moisture for Week Ending November 07, 2010

Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
1	2	86	11

Crop Progress: Corn is 77% harvested, ahead of 49% from a year ago and the 70% average. Barley is 93% emerged, ahead of last year's 87% and the average of 93%. Winter wheat is 89% planted, ahead of last year's 86%, but behind the average of 92%. Winter wheat has begun to emerge, and is 74% emerged. This is ahead of last year's 69%, but below the average of 76%. Soybeans are 84% harvested ahead of the previous year's 54% and the average of 68%. The grape harvest continued, and is 93% completed, ahead of last year's 80%, but behind the average of 94%.

Crop Condition: State-wide winter wheat conditions are; 0% very poor, 0% poor, 6% fair, 82% good, and 12% excellent. Pasture conditions are; 9% very poor, 10% poor, 49% fair, 28% good and 4% excellent.

Nationwide as of October 31, 2010: Much of the Southwest and central and southern Great Plains were abnormally dry during the week, providing favorable harvest conditions for summer crops such as cotton and sorghum. Elsewhere, strong storm systems delivered above average precipitation to the Pacific Coast, Rocky Mountains, northern Great Plains, and much of the country east of the Mississippi River slowing fieldwork activities early in the week. On the Plains and throughout much of the Corn Belt, rebounding

temperatures and mostly sunny skies allowed for late-week row crop harvesting and winter wheat seeding.

Corn: Despite early-week storm systems that dumped above average precipitation on portions of the Great Plains and Midwest, drier conditions toward week's end allowed producers time to harvest 8 percent of the Nation's corn crop during the week. By October 31, ninety-one percent of this year's crop was harvested, 67 percentage points ahead of last year and 30 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average and the earliest date since 1991 that harvest surpassed the 90 percent mark.

Soybeans: Nationally, soybean producers had harvested 96 percent of this year's crop by October 31, forty-six percentage points ahead of last year and 17 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. In Iowa, harvest was complete on nearly all soybean fields in the northern two-thirds of the State, while a small amount of acreage in the southern third remained standing.

Winter Wheat: By week's end, 92 percent of the 2011 winter wheat crop had been seeded, 11 percentage points ahead of last year and 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. With mostly ideal fieldwork conditions prevailing throughout early fall, seeding was complete or nearly complete ahead of the normal pace across much of the Pacific Northwest and Great Plains. Nationwide, winter wheat emergence advanced to 73 percent by October 31, eight percentage points ahead of last year but on par with the 5-year average. While generally dry conditions in portions of the central and southern Great Plains negatively impacted the emerging winter wheat crop, recent improvements in soil moisture levels across the eastern Corn Belt boosted crop establishment. Overall, 46 percent of the winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, down slightly from ratings last week and 18 percentage points below the same time last year.

Weather Data For Week Ending November 7, 2010

Station	Last Week Weather Summary						April 1 - November 7, 2010					
	Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
	High	Low	Average	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest												
Erie	51	29	41	-7	0.37	4	27.77	0.45	92	3,250	610	5,279
Franklin_AG	55	23	38	-8	0.27	3	28.02	-0.74	95	2,957	549	4,929
Meadville-Port	51	22	37	-7	0.89	5	28.50	-0.75	102	2,898	694	4,882
Mercer	56	24	38	-7	0.43	4	27.28	-0.06	104	2,995	611	4,997
Springboro	52	22	37	-10	0.83	5	32.81	6.52	103	2,671	89	4,602
Warren	55	24	37	-8	0.31	2	23.43	-5.79	88	2,776	453	4,724
North Central												
Bradford Region	50	18	34	-7	0.11	2	26.39	-2.51	91	2,140	485	3,966
Oswayo	53	17	35	-7	0.24	2	29.55	1.92	98	2,142	306	3,959
Kane	53	18	34	-7	0.16	2	26.41	-3.23	85	2,123	509	3,944
Laporte	46	24	35	-10	0.74	5	30.46	3.65	102	2,522	146	4,425
Lock Haven	55	24	40	-6	0.64	2	26.67	0.40	77	3,199	670	5,243
Port Allegany	55	18	36	-6	0.26	3	25.93	-1.70	94	2,387	551	4,271
Renovo	55	25	40	-5	0.53	3	25.88	-0.39	88	3,064	535	5,100
Ridgway	55	19	37	-6	0.31	3	25.10	-3.37	98	2,381	496	4,284
Stevenson Dam	57	26	41	-2	0.44	2	25.74	-2.73	79	2,893	1,008	4,898
Towanda	53	25	38	-6	0.71	4	24.12	1.78	81	2,772	375	4,747
Wellsboro	51	20	35	-7	0.54	3	27.12	4.68	83	2,282	502	4,177
Williamsport	54	26	42	-5	0.61	3	26.84	0.53	79	3,537	748	5,634
Northeast												
Hawley	51	22	36	-8	1.03	2	31.38	6.06	77	2,491	450	4,410
Wilkes-Barre/Sc	52	27	40	-6	0.89	3	20.85	-3.66	72	3,325	681	5,365
Susquehanna	51	25	37	-5	0.93	3	28.98	1.63	92	2,688	765	4,647
West Central												
Butler	57	24	38	-7	0.23	2	29.50	2.60	88	2,950	451	4,951
New Castle	62	22	40	-6	0.20	2	27.48	2.69	80	3,357	854	5,396
Slippery Rock	63	22	40	-5	0.37	3	25.78	-0.75	92	3,132	890	5,163
Central												
Altoona/Blair	52	23	40	-7	0.79	3	26.41	2.53	85	3,237	576	5,290
DuBois	55	22	39	-6	0.12	3	22.95	-4.12	93	2,847	570	4,838
Lewistown	57	26	41	-6	0.69	3	25.83	0.24	73	3,459	534	5,550
Middletown	59	29	44	-5	0.87	2	27.36	1.91	66	4,067	746	6,203
Prince Gallitzi	55	24	38	-6	0.62	3	28.25	-2.18	78	2,571	442	4,557
Selinsgrove	54	25	40	-7	0.74	2	21.87	-4.76	68	3,292	575	5,349
State College	53	26	39	-6	0.58	3	22.77	-1.37	72	3,253	644	5,307
East Central												
Allentown-Bethel	55	23	41	-7	1.43	2	33.85	6.27	69	3,590	561	5,671
Lehighton	49	27	39	-8	1.31	3	29.98	2.34	76	3,117	199	5,169
Matamoras	53	25	38	-8	1.11	1	29.03	1.15	73	2,817	205	4,806
Mt_Pocono	47	24	37	-5	1.17	3	31.10	0.96	88	2,736	991	4,694
Southwest												
Pittsburgh/Ale	59	28	41	-6	0.28	3	23.08	-2.04	84	3,690	1,003	5,765
Indiana_PA	57	28	39	-7	0.56	3	27.69	-1.59	96	2,979	377	5,000
Myersdale	57	18	35	-11	1.08	3	22.66	-5.83	83	2,308	-187	4,222
Mount Pleasant	59	20	39	-6	0.73	3	24.81	-4.95	71	3,119	862	5,136
Pittsburgh Intl	58	26	40	-7	0.16	2	22.16	-1.19	78	3,589	775	5,649
Connellsville	62	25	40	-7	0.72	4	27.14	-0.39	93	3,473	601	5,533
Waynesburg	59	22	38	-8	0.55	4	24.31	-1.10	68	3,223	632	5,239
South Central												
Biglerville	58	27	41	-8	0.76	2	23.52	-0.81	60	3,700	453	5,776
Everett	54	21	40	-7	0.80	2	24.54	1.04	75	3,014	359	5,050
Hanover	61	24	40	-9	0.92	2	24.97	0.64	66	3,674	427	5,765
Harrisburg_AP	59	28	44	-5	0.79	2	31.01	5.56	70	3,929	598	6,056
South Mountain	56	25	38	-8	0.99	2	24.00	0.12	68	2,975	324	4,988
York	60	24	42	-7	0.86	2	27.06	1.31	69	3,633	387	5,727
Southeast												
Green Lane	58	28	42	-6	1.36	2	29.25	2.50	71	3,721	836	5,832
Hamburg	56	28	42	-4	1.18	2	31.15	0.03	75	3,612	1,005	5,699
West_Chester	60	24	41	-9	1.59	2	33.42	4.30	64	3,624	390	5,717
Lancaster	59	28	43	-5	1.10	2	27.15	0.15	68	3,817	757	5,923
Neshaminy Falls	56	27	42	-6	1.30	2	22.34	-8.31	63	3,831	814	5,947
New Holland	58	28	42	-6	1.13	2	29.13	2.13	72	3,815	755	5,922
Philadelphia	63	34	47	-4	1.24	2	25.43	-0.49	66	4,658	1,095	6,840
Philadelphia NE	60	29	45	-6	1.13	2	22.08	-3.84	75	4,299	736	6,455
Reading	58	27	43	-5	1.30	2	26.12	-2.53	72	4,066	1,072	6,197
Sellersville	55	25	40	-8	1.44	3	29.79	3.04	70	3,423	538	5,475
Willow Grove	61	31	45	-3	1.19	2	26.97	-3.68	64	4,092	1,075	6,240

DFN = Departure from normal (using 1961-90 normals period).

Precipitation (rainfall or melted snow or ice) and pan evaporation in inches.

Precipitation days = days with precipitation of .01 inch or more.

Air temperatures in degrees fahrenheit.

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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

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ADAMS COUNTY, Judy A Behney

Currently field conditions are very wet. Corn and soybeans continued to be harvested in the county until the rains came early Thursday morning. Mills are limiting the producers' loads per week due to storage problems. It will be a little time before field conditions permit harvest to continue. Wheat and barley are getting some height on earlier seedings. Some producers were still hoping to seed some more wheat however that may change with yesterday's rainfall. Apple harvest is complete except a few larger producers. Overall, the harvesting of our crops is taking place but weather conditions again are a factor.

CENTRE COUNTY, Tim Craul

We received the first heavy frost in the Nittany, Bushy, Penns, and Nippenose Valleys last week.

CENTRE COUNTY, Dick Decker

Corn harvest moving along, rainfall during the end of the week gave a chance for a break.

CLARION COUNTY, Tom Tanner

Harvesting of soybeans and corn were the main activities for the week.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, Thomas Kerr

Apple crop is now in and less than normal crop. Quality was very good though. Still waiting on the last of the corn to dry so harvest can be completed. Seems that there is more cover crop being planted this year, so I asked several growers and they said they were doing it to be used as green feed in the spring as they were short on roughage due to dry weather. The corn came off early and weather was good for early seeding.

INDIANA COUNTY, David B. Overdorff

All of the soybeans are off, mainly concentrating on shelling and picking corn. Weather looks good this week for that. Maybe a little Indian Summer is on the way. Everyone have a safe farming week!

SNYDER COUNTY, William C. Sheaffer

Very hard frosts at the beginning of the week and heavy rainfall at the end of the week limited the field activities. Corn and soybean harvesting were the main activities. The quality of the corn is very good this year.

PA Crop Progress for Week Ending November 7, 2010

Crop	Current Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Fall plowing	73	69	80
Corn, harvested	77	49	70
Barley, emerged	93	87	93
Wheat, planted	89	86	92
Wheat, emerged	74	69	76
Soybeans, harvested	84	54	68
Grapes, harvested	93	80	94

PA Crop Condition for Week Ending November 7, 2010

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Wheat	0	0	6	82	12
Pasture	9	10	49	28	4

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